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**STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION EXTENDS CLOSURE OF  
ELMHIRST DRIVE ACCESS TO MD 355 THROUGH LATE APRIL**

***Daytime Work for Additional Utility Work Expected to Be Completed in April***

**(March 26, 2012)** – Today, the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) announced that the current temporary closure of Elmhirst Drive at MD 355 (Rockville Pike) will continue through late-April.

The closure of Elmhirst Drive began in early March as part of the advanced utility relocation Base Alignment and Closure (BRAC) work at the MD 355/Cedar Lane intersection. Crews are currently relocating a water line and will now work to relocate a sanitary line near this location.

Motorists along MD 355 are currently directed to use Locust Hill Road to reach Elmhirst Lane and Elmhirst Drive. Existing detour signs, cones and barrels will continue to guide motorists through the work zone.

Crews will continue to work on Elmhirst Drive weekdays between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. The temporary closure of Elmhirst Drive at MD 355 will remain in place 24 hours a day for the duration of the sanitary line relocation.

Citizens that have questions about water service interruptions should contact the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) **24-hour Maintenance Service Hotline at (301) 206-4002.**

As crews work to keep work zones safe, each driver needs to actively modify his or her driving style to help prevent crashes. Stay alert – look for reduced speed limits, narrow driving lanes and highway workers. Slow down and don't follow too closely. *Safer Driving. Safer Work Zones. For Everyone.*

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